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**POLISH MILITARY DISTRICT TROOP UNIT EFFECTIVENESS****1. Periodic Inspections at a High Level**

Source stated that the training progress, marksmanship and combat efficiency of all Polish Army units was usually determined by inspections and examinations of units, officers and EM, which were conducted by military inspecting commissions. These commissions, composed of an unknown number of uniformed Soviet and Polish Army officers from the appropriate military district and/or the Ministry of National Defense, either conducted or supervised these inspections and examinations. They were held twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

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the units  appeared to be fairly well trained to battalion level and combat-ready by September of each year. However,  that these units were fairly well trained only to the company level at most by the spring of the succeeding year, as a result of demobilization after fall maneuvers and the subsequent arrival of the incoming conscript class. As an example,  during the spring of 1953 and at a regimental officers' call, Major Mazurkiewicz (fnu), the regimental commander of  41st Armd Regt, told the officers that the regiment

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had been rated as very poor by the inspecting commission during the spring examinations just conducted.

Major Mazurkiewicz also told the officers that the units of the Warsaw Military District were rated as the best of all Polish Army units during the same spring, and that the units of the Wroclaw (Breslau) Military District had been rated as the best for the year 1952. Source had no knowledge on the results of inspections conducted during 1954 and had no further information on these inspections.

50X1 2. General Combat Readiness of Polish Army Armored Units

50X1 Polish Army armored units generally maintained a number of flat cars at nearby railroad sidings which could be used for emergency rail movement. The number of cars was usually sufficient to accommodate approximately 50 per cent of the tanks and self-propelled guns organic to the armored units concerned. The remainder of the armored units would probably utilize trucks or flat cars in any movement to join the initial group where and if they were needed.

Reserve fuel dumps were maintained by all armored units. However, source stated that POL trucks were also kept in readiness and would either be loaded on flat cars or travel by road to fuel the tanks and self-propelled guns. Each unit also maintained sealed ammunition dumps. Ammunition was to be drawn from these dumps only in case of a combat alert or an emergency situation in a near-by locality. Source, however, could not give any details on the quality of fuel and ammunition stored at these dumps, since they were well guarded and entrance was forbidden to all officers and troops with the exception of a unit's CO. He believed that other Polish Army armored units generally followed this procedure.

3. Autumn Decreases in Armored Unit Effectiveness

50X1 Concerning armored units source stated that during October and until about 15 December of each year, all tanks and armored vehicles in units were completely disassembled, their oil and air filters were cleaned, their engine oil changed and all equipment and engines carefully inspected by the Regimental technical officers and unit commanders. He thought this routine was followed in all other Polish Army Armored units. During this period of fall and early winter maintenance, all Polish armored units were very vulnerable and unprepared for any emergency.

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